



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 25-Feb-00 - Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

| | Northeast | Midwest | Southern | Western | 12-Metro Area |
|------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------------|
| This week | 58.54 | 55.95 | 64.19 | 84.26 | 67.85 |
| Last week | 73.13 | 70.64 | 80.77 | 91.51 | 79.86 |

Selected Cities - 25-Feb-00 **New York** 53-56 **Chicago** 45-50 **California** 89

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 21-Feb-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

| | Northeast | North Central | South Central | South Atlantic | Pacific | 5-Area | Breaking Stock | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Current week | 132.0 | 235.8 | 102.4 | 178.5 | 187.1 | 835.8 | 415.7 | 1251.5 |
| % change PW | 23 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 16 | -1 | 9 |

Breaking Stock - 25-Feb-00 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

| | Central States | Eastern Region |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Nest Run | 25-28 M 25-27 | 25-29 M 25-26 |
| Checks & Undergrades | 10-13 | 9-13 |

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 19-Feb-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

| | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Current Week | 1,068,696 | 23,696 | 11,260 | 5,961 | 2,805 | 3,449 |
| Previous Week | 1,050,275 | 23,585 | 10,553 | 5,812 | 3,385 | 3,536 |
| Last Year | 1,046,740 | 23,481 | 10,873 | 5,768 | 2,846 | 3,337 |
| % Change PW | 2 | 0 | 7 | 3 | -17 | -2 |
| % Change LY | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | -1 | 3 |
| To Date 2000 | 7,798,356 | 175,183 | 78,804 | 43,473 | 22,116 | 26,022 |
| To Date 1999 | 7,217,323 | 161,939 | 71,567 | 40,274 | 18,689 | 22,841 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.51 **Previous Week:** 41.40 **Last Year:** 41.52

National Liquid Eggs - 25-Feb-00 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

| Class | Loads | Range | Wtd. Avg. | Change From Last Week |
|---------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Whole | 9 | 22-29 | 25.56 | -5.19 |
| Whites | 23 | 29-34 | 31.04 | -2.71 |
| Yolks | 9 | 28-32 | 30.56 | -2.39 |

Pasteurized white prices were reported at 34 and 36 cents FOB. There were no pasteurized salt yolk prices reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 25-Feb-00 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

| Class | Trucklot | Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.) | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Eastern | Central | Eastern | South California ² |
| Whole | 38-43 M 40-42 | 39-42 | 48-55 | 46-49 |
| Blends ³ | Too Few To Report | | 55-59 | - |
| Whites | 41-44 | 42-44 | 47-54 | 47-50 |
| Yolks ⁴ | | | | |
| Sugared | 45-48 | 46-48 | 51-63 | 51-54 |
| Salted | 42-47 M 42-45 | 43-45 | 49-67 | 48-51 |

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 25-Feb-00 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

| Class | Range | Mostly |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whole | 1.40 - 1.70 | 1.48 - 1.60 |
| Yolks | 1.18 - 1.25 | 1.20 - 1.25 |
| Albumen, Spray Dried | 3.00 - 3.45 | 3.10 - 3.20 |
| Blends (whole plus sweetener) | 1.15 - 1.30 | 1.25 |

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 19-Feb-00

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| This week | 1,986 | This week | 599 | This week | 2,585 |
| Last week | 1,976 | Last week | 633 | Last week | 2,609 |
| Last year | 2,055 | Last year | 434 | Last year | 2,489 |
| To Date 2000 | 14,229 | To Date 2000 | 4,038 | To Date 2000 | 18,267 |
| To Date 1999 | 15,555 | To Date 1999 | 3,481 | To Date 1999 | 19,036 |

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-00

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 142 | 0 | 0 | 142 |
| Last year* | 703 | 0 | 18 | 721 |
| To date 2000 | 760 | 0 | 18 | 778 |
| To date 1999 | 1,850 | 6 | 18 | 1,874 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-00

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 271 | 2 | 40 | 313 |
| Last year* | 31 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| To date 2000 | 719 | 18 | 201 | 938 |
| To date 1999 | 436 | 57 | 0 | 493 |

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Feb-00

| | Jumbo | XLarge | Large | Medium | Ungraded | Misc | Total |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------|------|--------|
| Current week | 0 | 280 | 1,920 | 1,193 | 0 | 0 | 3,393 |
| Last year* | 0 | 150 | 1,900 | 1,326 | 4,770 | 0 | 8,146 |
| To date 2000 | 13 | 2,133 | 12,700 | 1,928 | 6,180 | 750 | 23,704 |
| To date 1999 | 0 | 1,200 | 7,984 | 1,626 | 38,249 | 0 | 49,059 |

*Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Jan-00

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

| | Whites | Yolks | Whole & Mixed | Unclassified | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Current Month | 571 | 752 | 10,186 | 561 | 12,070 |
| Previous Month | 501 | 722 | 8,085 | 763 | 10,071 |
| Last Year | 1,174 | 658 | 8,469 | 746 | 11,047 |
| % of Previous Month | 114 | 104 | 126 | 74 | 120 |
| % of Last Year | 49 | 114 | 120 | 75 | 109 |

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Feb-00

Total Layers on 01-Feb-00 totaled 329 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Feb-00 averaged 69.0 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.1 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jan-00 = 270 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jan-00 averaged 73.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Jan-99.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.72 billion eggs during Jan-00, up 2% from Jan-99.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jan-00 totaled 34.1 million, down 4% from Jan-99.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32.8 million on 01-Feb-00, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 212,000 during Jan-00, up 28% from Jan-99.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Feb-00 = 255.0 million, up 2% from 01-Feb-99.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Feb-00 = 71.2, unchanged from 01-Feb-99.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Feb-00 were 5.0%, up 4% from those in molt on 01-Feb-99.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Feb-00 were 21.3%, down 4% from 01-Feb-99.

Layers sold during Jan-00 totaled 15.9 million, up 2% from Jan-99.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jan-00 were 3.9 million, up 14% from Jan-99.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Feb-00 = 90.2 million, up 2% from 01-Feb-99.

Pullets added during Jan-00 = 21.2 million, up 4% from Jan-99.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Dan Boostrom at (202)720-3244, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

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